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DEFENCE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various achievements made in the field of defence production in the country in order to strengthen the defence forces and make them self sufficient during the last five years;

(b) whether the Government are exporting or propose to export the defence items manufactured in the country; and

(c) if so, the date from which these items are being exported, item-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Major steps taken during the last five years by Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings in the field of defence production to strengthen defence forces and to make them self sufficient are as follows:-

(i) The level of production & supply to defence forces has been increased. The value of issues from the Ordnance Factories has gone up from Rs. 2653 crores in 1997-98 to Rs.5349 crores in 2001-2002. Likewise, supply of items from Defence Public Sector Undertakings to the defence forces has also increased from Rs. 4150 crores in 1997-98 to Rs. 6149 crores in 2001-2002.

(ii) Production facilities in the Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings are being modernised to match the qualitative and quantitative requirements of the defence forces.

(iii) Action has been taken to procure transfer of technology for indigenous production of T-90 tanks by Ordnance Factory Board.

(iv) A number of new items have been developed and manufactured during the last five years for supply to the defence forces.

(b) & (c): The items being exported include small arms ammunition, explosives, rockets, spares for rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipments, components and sub-systems etc. The earliest defence exports date back to the year 1973-74. It is not in public interest to give itemwise details.